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## **WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU FURTHER EXTENDS COMMENT DEADLINES IN SPECIAL ACCESS PROCEEDING**

**WC Docket No. 05-25; RM-10593**

**New Comment Date: November 20, 2015**

**New Reply Comment Date: December 11, 2015**

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) further extends the deadlines for interested parties to file comments and reply comments in response to Section IV.B of the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) in the Commission's special access rulemaking proceeding.<sup>1</sup> Comments are now due by November 20, 2015; reply comments are now due by December 11, 2015.

On December 11, 2012, the Commission adopted an order requiring providers and purchasers of special access service and certain entities providing "best efforts" service to submit data and information for a comprehensive evaluation of the special access market.<sup>2</sup> In Section IV.B of the FNPRM accompanying that order, the Commission sought comment on possible changes to its rules for the special access services provided by incumbent local exchange carriers in price cap areas.<sup>3</sup> The Commission set the comment deadlines on this portion of the FNPRM several months after its release, in order to give interested parties an opportunity to review the information collected before filing comments.<sup>4</sup> The Bureau subsequently extended the comment deadlines since the data was not yet available.<sup>5</sup> For similar reasons, the Bureau hereby further extends the comment and reply deadlines.

The Bureau is initiating the process of allowing access to the data collected to authorized parties pursuant to the protective order in this proceeding via the NORC Data Enclave®.<sup>6</sup> Interested parties will not, however, have adequate time to access and review the information collected prior to the current

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<sup>1</sup> See *Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 16318 (2012) (*Data Collection Order and FNPRM*); Report and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 13189 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013); Order on Reconsideration, 29 FCC Rcd 10899 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2014).

<sup>2</sup> See *Data Collection Order and FNPRM*, 27 FCC Rcd at 16340, para. 52.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 16352-54, paras. 80-90.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 16359, para. 104.

<sup>5</sup> See, e.g., *Wireline Competition Bureau Further Extends Comment Deadlines in Special Access Proceeding*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10953, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 6424 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2015) (*Public Notice*).

<sup>6</sup> See Press Release, FCC, FCC Takes Major Step in Review of Competition in \$40 Billion Special Access Market (Sept. 17, 2015), [https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DOC-335352A1.docx](https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-335352A1.docx).

September 25 and October 16, 2015 comment and reply comment deadlines.<sup>7</sup> Accordingly, the Bureau hereby extends the deadline for filing comments to November 20, 2015, and reply comments to December 11, 2015.

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<sup>7</sup> *Public Notice*, 30 FCC Rcd at 6424.